

MARCH 16, 2023

First Baptist Church of Eatonton Messenger

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE WITH ALL



FROM THE PASTOR

It's an adventurous story. St. Patrick lived in the late fourth to mid fifth century. The best we know, he lived near the west coast of Britain, born the grandson of a priest, the son of a civil servant and deacon.

There is not space to tell all the details of life in such times, but it was a violent world to say the least. At the age of sixteen, the *Penguin Dictionary of Saints* says Patrick was carried off by raiders and enslaved in Ireland where he was used as a herdsman. During his time in Ireland, he began to take religion seriously and became a man of intense prayer. Who knows how much the religion of Ireland influenced his own experiences with the Christian faith in which he was formed. After six years he made his escape and returned by ship to the European continent. But soon he was compelled by a dream to return to those who held him captive to share Christ with them. Patrick was not the first to bring Christianity to Ireland, but he was among the first to spread the gospel to the north, the central parts, and the west. He brought organized church into existence in a vast way among the land and is said to have done so while cherishing the religious expressions already present. Thus, the term Celtic Christianity. The term speaks of a generous evangelism that respects and loves while also sharing the light of Christ.

It's a study in sociology and religion to study the history of how it turned out for the Church through the centuries till today. But St. Patrick's Day, celebrated March 17, is originally rooted in the celebration of God's grace, that lights the way through Christ for people to live joyfully. St. Patrick was a Christ follower who wanted others to live in the light of Christ.

Led by Christ Patrick grew to love the people of Ireland even while a captive among them. After his escape, he returned to them to love them with the light of Christ. Might God work such a work within us!

As St. Patrick is known to have prayed:

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

**Peace,
Craig**

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

Thank you all for your prayers and support for DNOW 2023! We had over 130 students present this year. We are all tired, but what a blessing it was to spend time and worship with our students over a weekend. I am looking forward to more events in the future. Next on the calendar is a parent meeting, on Sunday, March 26 @ 6:00 PM during our regular Youth meeting time. This will be to approve and add some events to our calendar, and to discuss some business of the Youth Ministry.

I am still attending as many after school events as I can. I am now living in Eatonton full-time, and hope to be able to attend more. If you see me, please come speak, as I may not recognize everyone. I would like to commend your students for making it a point to come and speak when they see me out at events. My experience so far is that they are very well mannered and respectful young adults. I feel very blessed to be a part of FBCE and to lead our Student Ministry. I am looking forward to the coming months and the ministry that is ahead. Thank you for your continued prayers as we work together to serve the Lord.

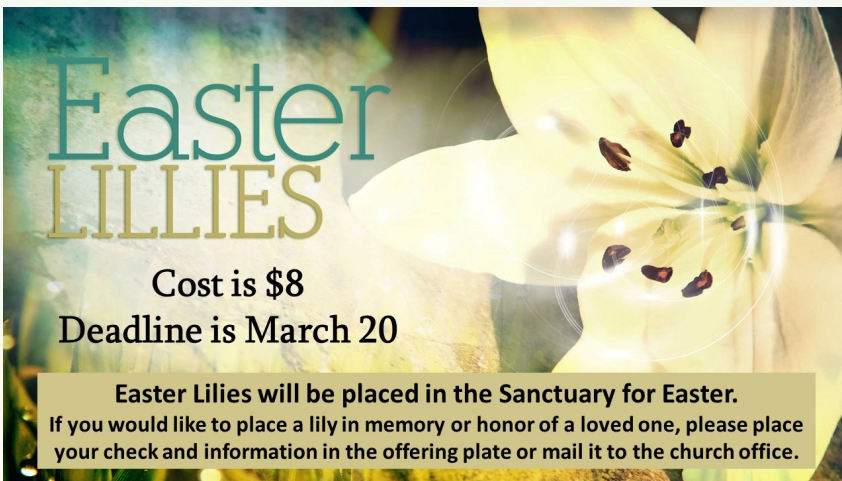
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
6:00 PM
SANCTUARY

CONTACT DYLAN FOR
MORE INFORMATION



Easter LILLIES

Cost is \$8
Deadline is March 20

Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to place a lily in memory or honor of a loved one, please place your check and information in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

THE ORGAN KING OF INSTRUMENTS!

Justin Maxey, Guest Organist

Thursday, March 23, 2023

7:00 PM

First Baptist Church, Milledgeville

Introduction to the state of the art new Aeolian-Skinner organ with digital Voices by Walker Technical

- The loud, majestic sounds of organ trumpets
- The lush sound of strings
- The rich colors of the flutes
- The solo sound of oboe, clarinet, and English horn



Easter EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
AT 9:45 AM



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOMING FOR MARCH

Terry and Phyllis Blanton

WELCOMING FOR APRIL

Kay Stevens

USHERS FOR MARCH

Marvin Franklin, Gene Adams, Edge Farley,
Clayton Lancaster, Steve Tubbs

USHERS FOR APRIL

David Stickley, Jarred Camp, John Wojtas,
Walt Rucker, Jim Hall

DEACON FOR MARCH 19

Tracy Stickley

DEACON FAMILIES

Lauren Brown family
Jarred Camp family
Tim Camp family
Ryan Carmichael family
Ashley Rich family

DEACON FOR MARCH 26

Laura Thompson

DEACON FAMILIES

Mary Jo Balas
George Dissmeyer family
David Lutz family
Kay Stevens family
Faith Thomas
Beth Willis
John Wojtas family

DEACON FOR APRIL 2

Steve Tubbs

DEACON FAMILIES

James Cheney family
Edge Farley family
Tom Hicks family
Guerry Key family
Jesse McMillen family
Peggy McMillen
Betty Sills
Roger Vining family

BIRTHDAYS

03/16 - Marie Rainey

03/17 - Tammy Baker, Miranda Rossee

03/20 - Julie Harper, Jim Kauffmann

03/21 - Jesse Covington

03/25 - David Stickley

03/26 - Felice Dissmeyer

03/27 - Marvin Franklin

03/28 - Janice Knowles

ANNIVERSARIES

03/24 - Steve and Robin Benton

03/26 - Chad and Jessica Davis

03/31 - Walt and Tara Rucker

WORSHIP REPORT

Sunday, March 05 94

Sunday, March 12 116

FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 5, 2023

Budget Needs \$10,392.26

Budget Receipts \$19,546.00

Budget Needs YTD \$103,922.60

Budget Receipts YTD \$106,386.75

MARCH 12, 2023

Budget Needs \$10,392.26

Budget Receipts \$6,863.65

Budget Needs YTD \$114,314.86

Budget Receipts YTD \$113,250.40

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Return Service Requested

Awaken

EXPERIENCE EASTER

at First Baptist Church Eatonton



PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 2 AT 10:50AM
HOLY WEEK SERVICES - APRIL 3 - 7 AT 12 NOON
MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 6 AT 6PM
SUNRISE SERVICE - APRIL 9 AT 7AM AT THE PLAZA
EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9 AT 10:50AM

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